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EGYPT AGREES TO ARBITRATION

COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Release Of Makarios

THE release of Archbishop Makarios from exile in the Seychelles is a development which should, but not necessarily will, lead to an appropriate settlement of the Cyprus dispute. The archbishop has gained his freedom on the strength of a declaration which calls upon Eoka to cease its acts of hostility. Significantly, however, reservations are implied, and the statement cannot be regarded as wholly satisfactory.

The archbishop's appeal to the British government to "abolish simultaneously the present state of emergency" may appear to be innocuous enough, but the inference discernible is that should not this request be complied with, Eoka would be free to pursue its campaign of terrorism. The hope was that Makarios would unequivocally denounce terrorism and associate himself with a policy of peaceful negotiations for the establishment of a new constitution for Cyprus.

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Egypt has agreed in principle to arbitrate through the United Nations disputes arising from her operation of the Suez Canal, high Arab sources said today.

The sources claimed that Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser and United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold reached agreement on the point during their talks, but the agreement will not be mentioned in the forthcoming memorandum outlining Egypt's plan for operation of the Canal.

Under the reported plan a watchdog committee of experts would report to the United Nations any departure from Egypt's pledges to operate the Canal according to the 1888 Convention.

Egypt will also devote a percentage of the tolls, probably 25 per cent, to development of the Canal, the sources said.

Any political disputes might be decided by political organs such as the General Assembly and legal disputes by the International Court under the reported scheme.

Egyptian political adviser Aly Sabry announced today that the Canal would be open "around April 10" and a detailed memorandum will be published on April 4 setting out the Egyptian plan.

Time For Persuasion

Western diplomats believed that the schedule left time in which to persuade Egypt to accept "improvements" on the plan. Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi outlined Egypt's plan to a series of ambassadors, including the United States, in the last two days.

Informed sources said the plan specified: All tolls were payable to the Egyptian Canal authority or specified banks abroad.

Secondly, Egypt will set aside a certain percentage of the tolls for the development of the waterway.

Third, Egypt would live up to the 1888 Convention.

Fourth, Egypt would register the memorandum with the United Nations as a binding international pledge.

Sources also said Fawzi told the ambassadors that Egypt did not intend to raise the tolls now.

Diplomatic sources believed the United States would seek certain improvements on the Egyptian plan including an Egypt undertaking to consult users before raising tolls.

Form Of Consultation

It would also seek some form of consultation on the use of funds set aside for the development of the Canal, if not an outright joint account, and perhaps an increased percentage of tolls to be devoted to development.

Meanwhile, UN Assistant Ralph Bunch conferred earlier today with UN financial expert John J. McCloy.

However, US State Department experts were studying the proposals for operating the Canal with a marked lack of enthusiasm, according to informed sources in Washington.

British and French officials said that so far there had been no consultation on the subject between their embassies and the State Department. But British officials said there "certainly" would shortly have the opportunity of expressing himself in this direction.

The Radcliffe proposals are not necessarily the last word to be said by the British government in the search for a Cyprus settlement, but they do represent the basic British viewpoint and in essentials are the most the government can offer for the time being. They provide for gradual self-government and they accept the principle of self-determination. To go beyond that at present would not serve the interests of the inhabitants of Cyprus as a whole.

The release of Archbishop Makarios is welcome if for no other reason than it promises to bring an end to terrorism in Cyprus which in turn will permit abolition of the state of emergency. With passions cooled it may be possible for the Greek Cypriot leaders to recognise the fairness of the Radcliffe constitutional proposals and to accept them at least as a firm basis for further negotiations.

Another China Mail Cartoonist

Among the China Mail's many cartoons, features and news stories tomorrow we introduce a brilliant new cartoonist with a punny Scottish pen — "Gabriel" now drawing for the China Mail under his own name "Freel".

Read:

★ "Down With the Ship Again Lads!" Lee Armour and Low have something to say about the rash of strikes in Britain.

★ "The Clash of the Blues." Robin Hutcheon says "To-morrow's Oxford-Cambridge boat race started as a tark."

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★ Pakistan acts to check a holy war against Indian troops in Kashmir.

And don't forget the Intelligence Report Record and Book Reviews, the Stage, and life in New York.

GAS USED ON CROWD

Nicosia, Mar. 28. British security forces used tear gas to disperse crowds demonstrating in Limassol tonight.

A radio announcement said tonight that Eoka men who wish to accept the British offer of safe conduct out of Cyprus should give themselves up from 8 a.m. tomorrow.

There are only 18 men on the Government's current public wanted list, headed by George Grivas, Eoka's chief. But there are many more Eoka men who are on other wanted lists, though the figure is not known. — Reuters

Employers Will Talk To Unions

Strike End Possible

London, Mar. 28. Employers today raised hopes of ending a strike of 1,000,000 British engineers by offering to enter into direct talks for more pay with the trade unions.

Mr Iain Macleod, the Minister of Labour, gave the House of Commons first news of this break in the deadlock.

The Minister spoke about 30 hours before another 500,000 men in the London area are due to join the strike.

The employers' offer was possibly "the last chance of saving the country from a disastrous stoppage," Mr Macleod told the Commons, but he added that many problems remained unsolved.

"If we do not find a settlement very quickly it is not easy to see an early or quick end to these disputes," he declared.

FOURTH DAY

Aircraft and other industrial plants engaged on export contracts in many parts of the country were at a standstill for the fourth full day today through the stoppage, while a parallel strike by 200,000 ship-builders kept the nation's shipyards silent for the 13th successive day.

About £900 million of contracts have been held up in the shipyard strike while the engineering stoppage has severely hit production of exports.

Today saw the first clashes between pickets and police. At Bristol and Manchester police had to hold back strikers to allow lorries to enter factories. Outside the Bristol Aeroplane Works a police inspector said: "Tempers seemed to be getting frayed." — Reuters.

IWO JIMA VOLCANIC ERUPTION

Honolulu, Mar. 28. A volcanic eruption on the southern end of Iwo Jima spewed small rocks, ash and smoke high into the air over the famous World War II battle-ground today.

A message received here from the 6363rd air base squadron of the US Far East Air Force said the eruption left a crater 100 feet in diameter. Activity lasted 60 minutes before dying down.

The message said the southern end of the island was declared out of bounds to military personnel, but no buildings were endangered. It said the eruption tossed five inch stones 150 feet into the air, and steam and ash 30 feet. — United Press.

Mollet Wins 33rd Vote

Paris, Mar. 28. The 14 months old government of M. Guy Mollet won its 33rd vote of confidence at midnight.

The unofficial result was given as 221 votes for the Government and 188 against.

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The 14-months-old government, which holds the postwar record for survival obtained its vote of confidence after a two-week debate on its home and foreign policy. — Reuters.

CHINA EMBARGO STATEMENT: COMMONS TOLD 'WAIT FOR

London, Mar. 28. SIR David Eccles, President of the Board of Trade, replied "none" in the House of Commons today when asked by Mr. Douglas Jay (Labour) what fresh guidance he had given to industry in the light of the Bermuda conference on the strategic embargo on British exports to China.

Mr. Jay asked: "Does this mean

DR ADAMS MURDER TRIAL SENSATION

Specialist's Admission

London, Mar. 28. The rich old widow whom Dr John Bodkin Adams is accused of drugging to death was treated in a hospital with injections of morphine before she ever came under the Eastbourne physicians, his defence counsel claimed today.

The barrister, Mr Geoffrey Lawrence, produced a sensation on the eighth day of the doctor's trial for murder by confronting a medical expert with nursing notes of the hospital treatment of the widow, Mrs Edith Morrell, who had received.

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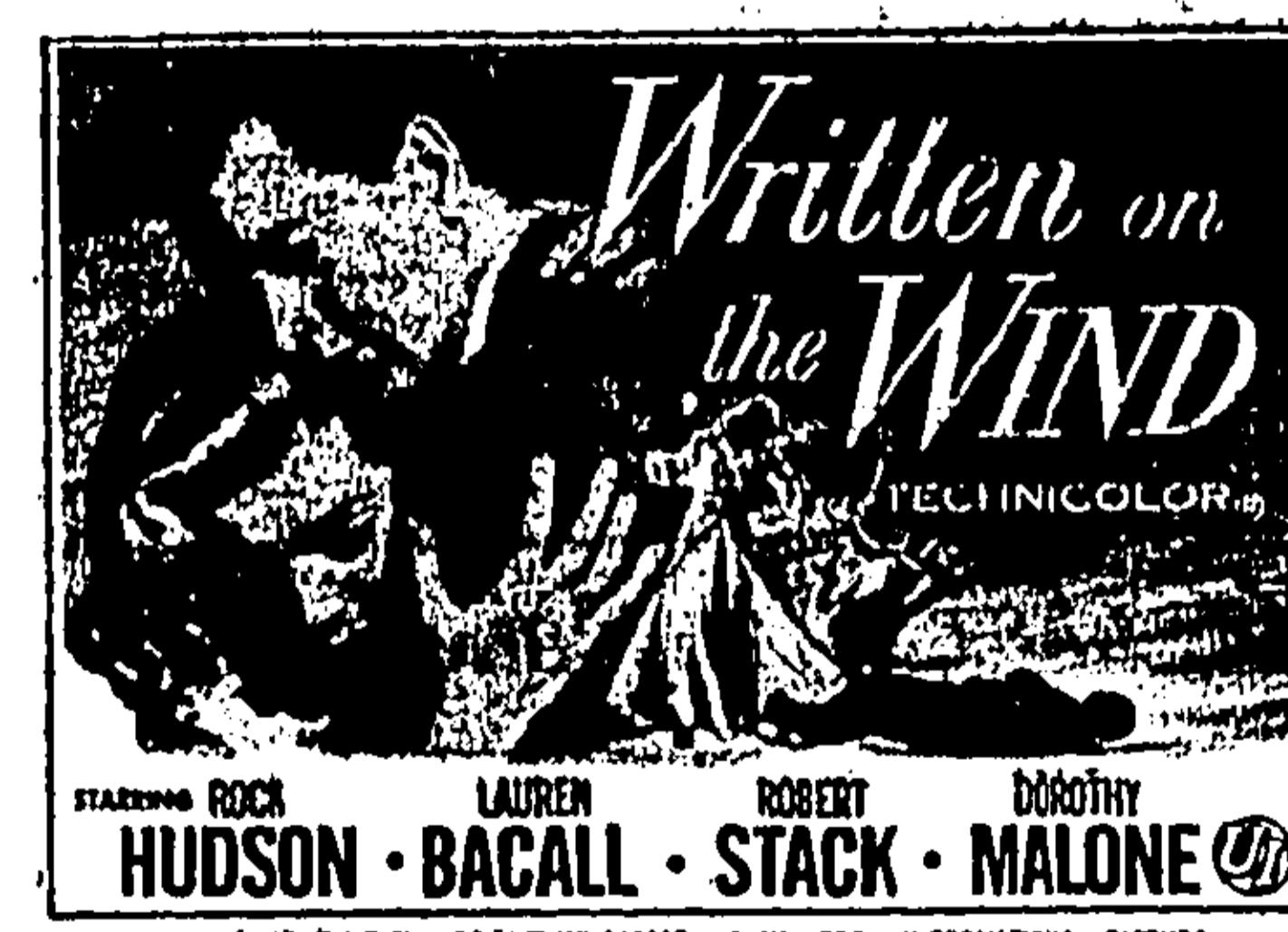
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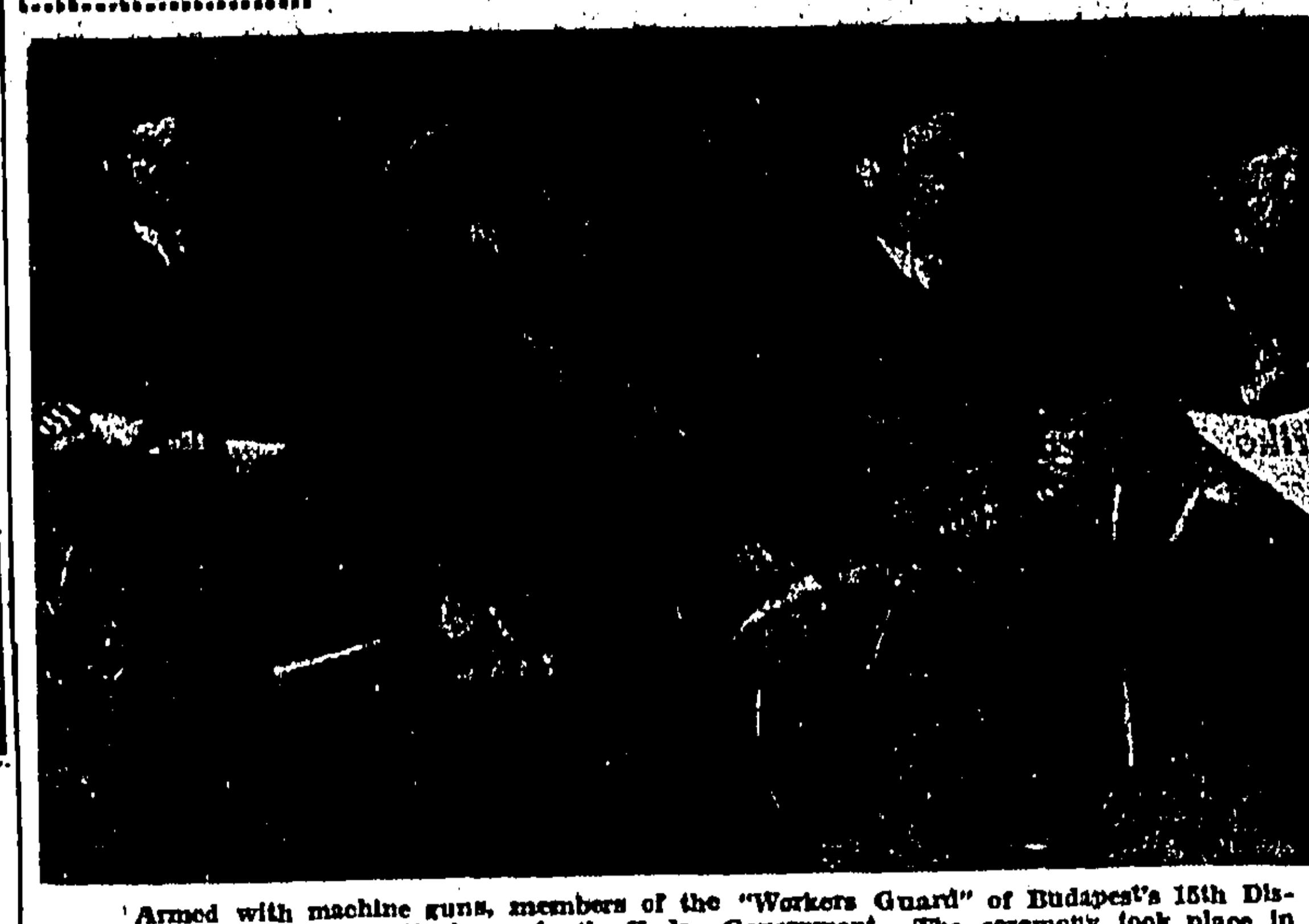
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RED ARMY TO STAY IN HUNGARY

Country Must Be 'Protected' From The West

Budapest "Workers Guard"



Armed with machine guns, members of the "Workers Guard" of Budapest's 18th District take the oath of allegiance to the Kadar Government. The ceremony took place in the Cultural Hall. — London Express Photo.

PUPPET PREMIER SIGNS PACT WITH RUSSIANS

Moscow, Mar. 28. Soviet and Hungarian Government leaders announced tonight that talks would be held soon on "the temporary stationing of Soviet troops on Hungarian territory, determining their numbers, location and legal status."

In a joint statement before the departure of a Hungarian delegation headed by the Prime Minister, Mr Janos Kadar, they also announced agreement on a Soviet loan and grant of goods to Hungary, and reduction of Hungarian debts to Russia.

Western observers said the presence of all the top Soviet leaders at a Kremlin reception before the signing of the declaration represented the final polish on Soviet efforts to bestow prestige on Mr Kadar and emphasize Soviet confidence in his government.

The statement said the presence of Soviet troops in Hungary was a decisive factor in protecting the country from "the aggressive schemes of the imperialists" in view of what it called a "dangerous arms drive" by members of the Atlantic Alliance.

The declaration accused "Western reactionary circles" and "the traitor Imre Nagy" — the Premier for a time before Soviet troops intervened in the October revolt — of responsibility for the revolt, and defended the Soviet intervention.

More Exports

Taipei, Mar. 28. President Chiang Kai-shek today predicted this year would be a "year of collapse" of communism and satellite countries through Communist failure to prevent internal contradictions.

Since last June, he said, there had been continuous unrest in Eastern European countries, in the Chinese mainland and even students in Russia.

In a statement to the Chinese youth marking the 14th Youth Day today, the Nationalist leader said "This is the beginning of an end for Mao Tse-tung and his cohorts."

They know it and that is why they have fabricated fantastic "peace rumours" in a desperate attempt to undermine the revolutionary will of our people, both at home and overseas, and to forestall our impending military counter-attack."

Traitor's Trap

Reiterating the Nationalist determination to recover their lost land President Chiang urged the youth saying "You must never again fall into the traitor's trap."

"You must realize that in our war against communism there is no compromise" in the middle of a stream. This war is going to decide whether our country is to survive or perish.

"We shall never stop fighting as long as a single inch of our national territory remains under Russian imperialists and so long as a single Chinese remains under Communist tyranny."

"Our government will never again make the mistake of accepting a Chinese Communist surrender and permitting them to get away unpunished for their crimes as we did in 1937." — Reuter.

Visits Premier

Tokyo, Mar. 28. The Nationalist Foreign Minister, Dr George Yeh today visited the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Noboru Kishi.

Dr Yeh arrived last night from New York. He was expected to leave here for Taipei tomorrow. — Reuter.

"SUBVERSION IN ASIA WORSENS"

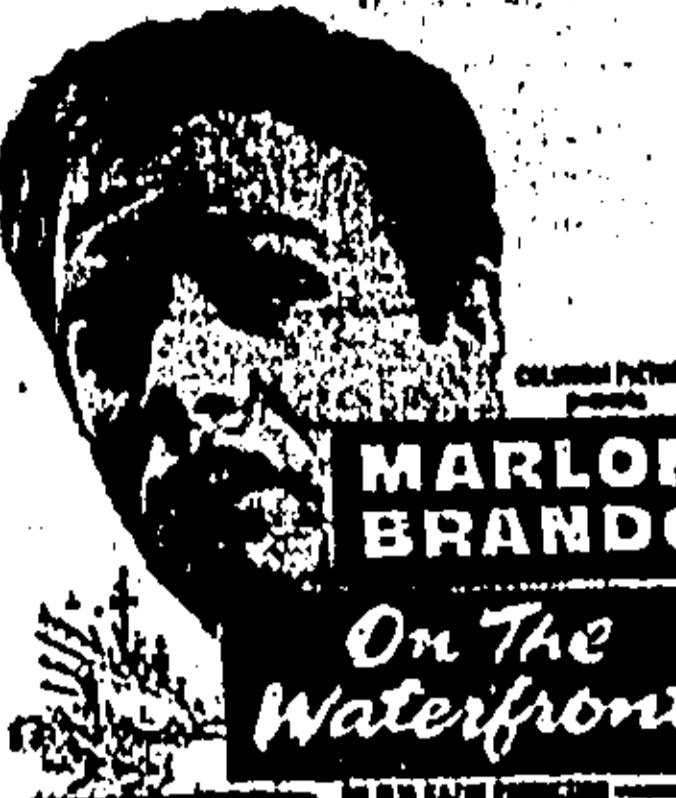
Washington, Mar. 28. Ngo Dinh Nhu, brother of South Vietnamese President, Ngo Dinh Diem, warned today that Communists were intensifying "subversive" activities in Southeast Asia.

Ngo is here on a world tour as personal representative of President Ngo Dinh Diem. He said it would be desirable for the Vietnamese President to visit the United States during the first part of this year.

He added that the second half of the year might be marked by events which would make Ngo Dinh Diem's visit difficult.

An example of the intensification of Communist subversive activities in Southeast Asia, Ngo Dinh Nhu said, recent frontier conflicts in Burma, the death of Philippines President Ramon Magsaysay, and events in Bangkok. — France-Presse.

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AMNESTY TO END

Budapest, Mar. 28.

The amnesty promised to Hungarians who left the country illegally if they returned before March 31, will not be renewed, the Hungarian Ministry of Justice announced today.

The Ministry specified that those who presented themselves before the Hungarian authorities abroad before March 31 and were prevented from returning by material difficulties, would be amnestied.

The others would be brought to trial if they returned to Hungary, the Ministry said. — France-Press.

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THE CHURCH BELLS RING IN CYPRUS: CHEERS FOR BRITISH IN 'MURDER MILE'

Cypriots MAKARIOS **Turks THIS IS**
Say: WILL SOON A WRONG **STEP**
BE BACK **Say:**

Nicosia, Mar. 28. Church bells in Nicosia rang out tonight as Cypriots celebrated the news of the release of Archbishop Makarios. On Nicosia's Ledra Street, notorious as "murder mile", Cypriot youths cheered British troops who seemed to share the general air of festivity.

MALAYA ADOPTS STATE RELIGION

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 28. The Malayan Chief Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, said today that Islam would be the state religion of Malaya when it became independent.

Speaking to an extraordinary general assembly of the United Malaya National Organisation, the Chief Minister said a clause proclaiming Islam as the state religion would be written into the country's new constitution.

The draft constitution now being examined by the Federal Government and the Malayan State rulers, does not contain such a clause, which UMNO has been demanding.

The Chief Minister also said that Malay would be the only national language, although English would be used for a period of ten years.

The special interests of the Malay community would be the responsibility of Malaya's paramount ruler, he said. Both points had been UMNO demands.

He added that dual citizenship, which was conditionally provided for in the draft constitution, would not be permitted.—France-Press.

Ecafe Meeting Ends

Bangkok, Mar. 29. Thailand's Deputy Foreign Minister, Rak Panyarachun, closed the 43rd session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East today, saying the meeting had been as successful as could be expected.

Panyarachun, Chairman during the nine-day meeting, said delegates would seek a remedy for Asian poverty caused by fast population increase.

He suggested they should return home with thoughts on the possibility of "planned parenthood" as a remedy to Asian

Nicosia's Metaxas Square, the scene of dozens of anti-British riots during the past two years, was tonight an unbroken mass of cheering people. Not since V.E. Day has Cyprus seen such celebrations.

Along the pavements Cypriots kissed British soldiers and were cheered by them in return.

A seething throng of men, women and children, some still in their slippers and pyjamas, shouted "Enosis and Makarios, Enosis and Makarios" while processions with Greek flags, palm branches and portraits of Makarios swept past towards the Greek Consulate.

A Greek Cypriot spokesman declared: "This is the best piece of news we have had since the emergency began."

Greek-Cypriots were jubilant as the news spread like wildfire through the streets of the island's capital.

Disappointment

But there was disappointment among the island's Turkish community. A Turkish spokesman said: "The Turkish community receives the news of Makarios's release with disappointment. We consider this is a wrong step to take at the present time."

"We wish to add that should the British Government start to negotiate and agree with Makarios, the Turkish community will never recognise such an agreement."

Work stopped and Cypriot-Greek men, women and children poured into the streets of Nicosia and other towns of Cyprus this evening when a radio bulletin from London gave the news.

Some women cried in the street and many crossed themselves, saying: "Our Ethnarch is free."

The streets of Nicosia, normally quiet soon after six p.m. due to dusk to dawn house curfew on all youths, suddenly lived into clapping and laughter, which grew in intensity every minute.

Going To Greece?

From balconies and rooftops, doorways and verandahs the news was shouted on until the whole town knew.

Church bells, whose ringing is restricted only to religious occasions under the emergency regulations, rang out all over the capital.

In Famagusta, a large crowd of Cypriot-Greeks gathered around the Cathedral of St Nicholas.

It was believed that Makarios would not go to Greece for contact with the Greek government and Cypriot representatives in Athens in the next step in the Cyprus question.

They added that it was to be expected the emergency regulations in Cyprus should be relaxed after Makarios made his appeal for pacification.

Patrols Withdrawn

Although it was stipulated that Archbishop Makarios was not to come to Cyprus, everyone in the streets of Nicosia tonight took it for granted that the "Ethnarch will soon be at our side."

British patrols were withdrawn from Nicosia shortly after the news. But it was too short a notice for patrols in other places, and island-wide operations to be called off. This is expected to be discussed at a high level military conference tonight.

As Eoka men have been offered safe exits, it was considered likely that operations would be called off tomorrow morning.

Bishop Yennodios of Salamis officiated at a special doxology at St John's Church tonight while thousands of youths chanted the Greek national anthem outside.

Long Live Makarios

A procession began from the churchyard, with banners and Greek flags, and thousands of Cypriots shouting "Zeto Makarios" — "Love live Makarios."

British military police on patrol nearby were cheered and there were dozens of handshakes.

Youths shouted: "Tonight English and Greek are all the same." Then they plunged into the procession.

The British announcement comes at a time when security forces have been busily hunting the remnants of Eoka's "Operation lucky-dip," which began 13 days ago, was still continuing this evening.

Scorched men were still closing in on an Eoka gang encircled in a 30-square-mile area in western Cyprus. Six hundred men were captured, from Paphos village, Archbishop Makarios's birthplace, to Paphos town—China Mail Special.



One Of The Last To Be Caught

Stavros Lefas, whom British authorities in Cyprus rate Number Three in the Eoka terrorist hierarchy, lies in an RAF hospital bed in Limassol after his capture by British forces.—London Express Photo.

RUSSIA SAYS ISRAEL PREPARING NEW WAR AGAINST EGYPT

Paris, Mar. 28.

The Soviet Union today accused Israel of preparing a "new aggression" against Egypt, and warned that an attack against Egypt "would create a dangerous situation and a direct threat of a broad armed conflict, with grave consequences for the cause of peace".

The Soviet declaration was contained in an official statement distributed by the Tass news agency, and broadcast by Moscow radio.

The statement indicated that Israel's "aggressive plans" were being made with the connivance of certain "circles" in France and the United States.

Adversaries

The statement said the Soviet leaders remained determined adversaries of any use of force in the Near and Middle East.

The Soviet leaders condemned the position of "extremist circles" in Israel and France, which were stirring up passions and preparing a new and dangerous military adventure.

The statement, broadcast by Moscow radio, declared: "Recently, in the declarations of certain Israeli statesmen and the French press, there is mention of the preparation of new aggression against Egypt."

"The declarations of Israeli politicians contain undisguised threats against Egypt. Ben-Gurion declared that if Israel's demands concerning navigation in the Gulf of Aqaba are not satisfied, Israel will unleash war".

"It is indicated that if necessary, French air forces are prepared to take part in an attack against Egypt, and to cover the Israeli troops. And there is open display of the preparations made in France to support Israel in its aggression against Egypt."

"It is to be noted that these press reports have not been denied by the French Government."

"All of these facts must necessarily draw the attention of world public opinion, which resolutely condemned the aggression committed against Egypt by France, Britain and Israel."

"The unleashing of a new aggression against Egypt would create a dangerous situation and a direct threat of a broad armed conflict with grave consequences for the cause of peace."

"This is precisely why the Soviet ruling circles condemn the position adopted by extremist circles in Israel and also of France, who oppose a peaceful solution to the situation in the Near and Middle East, who artificially and colourlessly arouse passions, creating a tense atmosphere and preparing a new and dangerous military adventure."—Paris-Press.

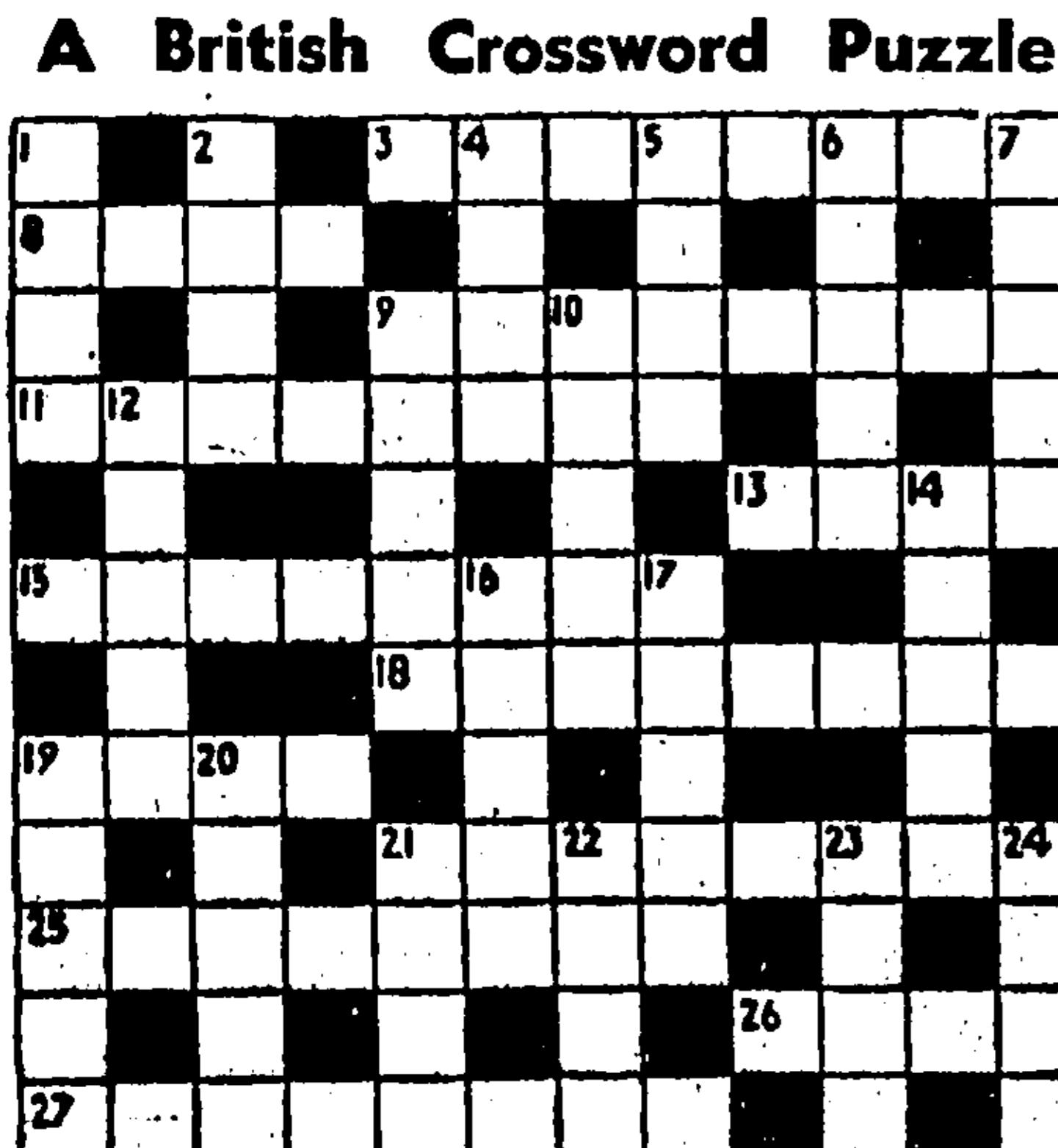
Play With Fire

"These facts prove that the colonialists and their accomplices are continuing to play with fire, and that attempts are still being made to unleash, through the intermediary of Israel, a dangerous provocation, directed against Egypt and the other Arab countries, who are defending their sovereignty and their legitimate rights."

"At the same time, they indicate clearly that the United States has entered into commitments with Israel, directed against the Arab countries."

"It is indicated also that these guarantees, given to Israel, stem from a 'gentlemen's agreement' concluded between the American

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Acquired temporarily (6).
- Frank (4).
- Business chief (8).
- Lifted (8).
- Footwear (4).
- Wield (8).
- Encircle (8).
- Try out (4).
- It seems that elderly ladies bell (8).
- Got ready (8).
- Heap (4).
- Diadems (8).
- resolved, 8 Dross, 9 Setter, 11 Sprouts, 13 Mariner, 15 Entree, 18 Swarm, 19 Bleeding, 20 Tendo, 21 Trefish, Down: 1 Mares, 2 Spout, 3 Diver, 4 Poddier, 6 Dobson, 8 Elopse, 10 Throat, 12 Present, 13 Masset, 14 Nimbis, 16 Tasse, 17 Eager.

Egypt Gets Soviet Atomic Reactor

Cedar Falls, Mar. 28. Russia has signed an agreement with Egypt for the construction of an atomic reactor and laboratory for nuclear research in Egypt, a member of the Russian United Nations delegation said.

Vladimir Barilovskiy, Counsellor of the Russian delegation, told the all-college conference on "Tensions in the Middle East" at Iowa State Teachers College yesterday that the Soviet Union also would train Egyptians to operate the reactor.

He avoided only two lines of his speech to the reactor. But reporters thumbed him down.—United Press.

In Peking

London, Mar. 28.

Mr Wilmet Abraham Perera, the first Ceylonese ambassador to Communist China, arrived in Peking by train today to assume his office, the New China News Agency reported.

He was welcomed at the station by Mr Chou Chin Hua, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs and other officials.

H-Bomb Guinea Pigs Wait For Invitation

London, Mar. 28.

A Quaker couple, who want to be in the radioactive danger zone of Britain's Hydrogen Bomb test in the Pacific, today awaited an invitation from a Japanese businessman to join a "peace fleet" chartering the Christmas Island area.

Mr and Mrs Harold Steele of Malvern, Gloucestershire, were told that Mr Iwao Hasegawa, president of a trading company in Muroran, Hokkaido, northern Japan, had said he wanted to be their sponsor in Japan.

"As soon as the invitation arrives we will make an immediate application for a visa," Mr Steele said today.

Mr Steele, 63, said he had written two letters to Japan asking for a sponsor which was necessary before a visa was granted.

One was addressed to Mr Takako Koiwai, Director of the Citizens Association Longing For Peace in Toyohashi, and the other was sent to Miss Mary McMillan, an English woman living at Ushita Machi, Hiroshima.

One-way Tickets

"We are poised ready to go as soon as we get that visa," Mr Steele said.

He and his 40-year-old wife Sheila, want to be in the small "suicide" flotilla of Japanese fishing boats heading for the test area, which was closed to shipping on March 2.

If they are injured by radioactive elements in the bodies of fish and other living marine organisms might range from 1,000 to 100,000 times more than an equal amount of sea water.

Fish might become contaminated by eating radioactive marine plants and these could contaminate other fish hundreds of miles away.

The Steeles, who have three children, are planning to spend their £400 savings to buy two one-way tickets to Tokyo.

Encouragement

Mr Steele said that 10 people were willing to join the "Guinea pigs trip." One of them was Reginald Reynolds, husband of Ethel Mannin, the English novelist.

The 10 volunteers were taken off by launch within an hour of the accident, which happened at 6.45 this morning.

The ferry is one of Sydney's biggest, carrying passengers from seaside suburbs mainly to the city. Early reports said that, although there were no casualties, the boat was badly damaged.

Mr Steele, a retired poultry farmer, and his wife have made arrangements for friends to care for their children, Valerie, 16; Hugh, 13, and nine-year-old Julie.—Reuter.

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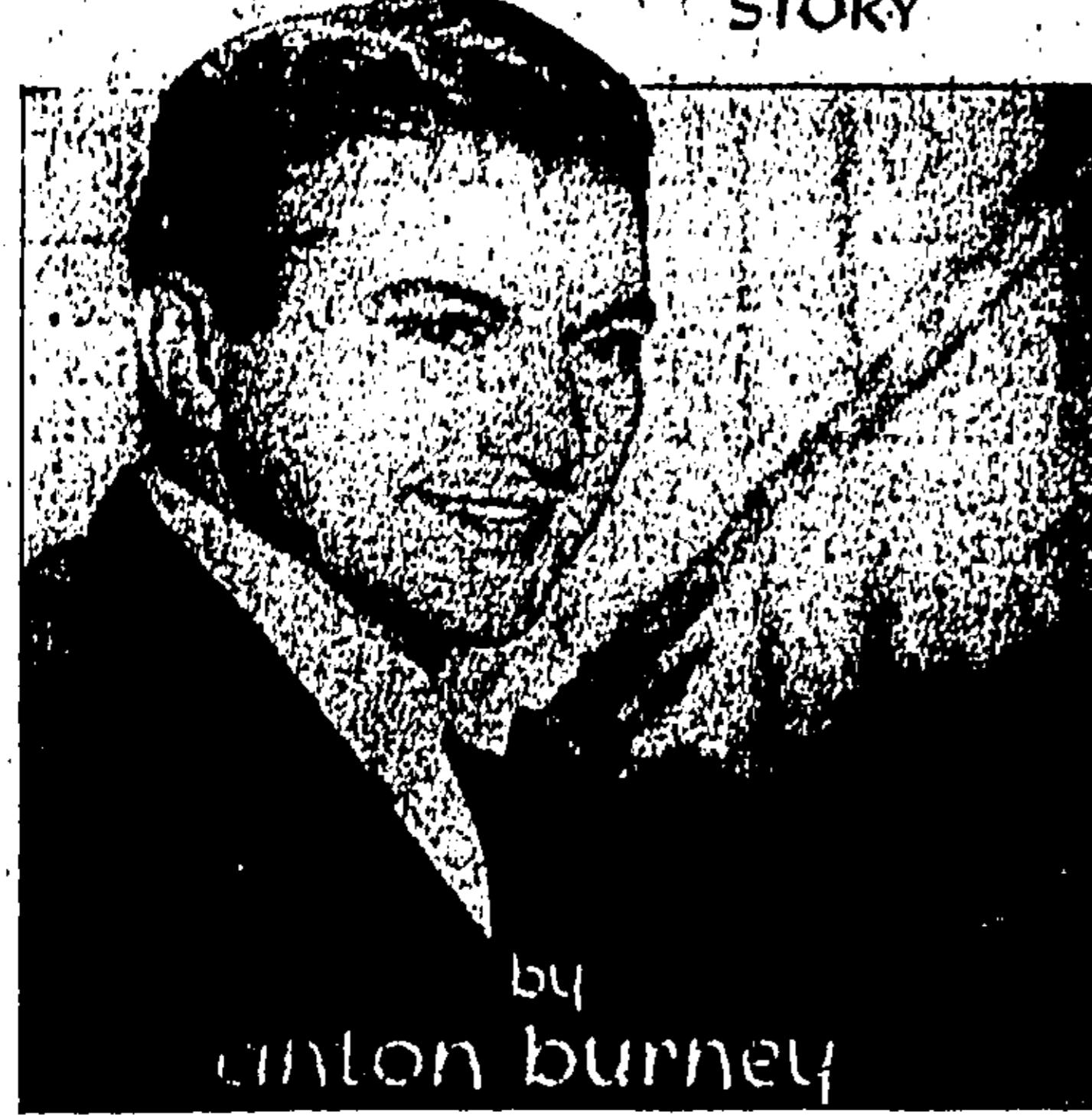
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THE LIBERACE STORY



by Clinton Burney

There are two ways of approaching a new thing in the world, whatever it may be—an old, cautious approach, or something new, to match the newness of the new thing that has come into the world. Look at it a moment in the light of Television.

This is a wholly new thing. It is not cinema. It is not radio. And it is more intimate than any of them. We know that what the cinema screen is showing is a recorded shadow. We know that the radio is bringing us a disembodied voice. We know at the theatre that between us and the players lies that impenetrable barrier of the footlights. But the T.V. artist comes into our homes so intimately that thousands of Liberace's fans prepare their houses for him as though he were indeed a guest coming in at the door. For this they have been derided, mocked at; but the mockers miss the whole point. All entertainment rests on the old "willing suspension of disbelief". Nobody is ashamed of being "lost" in a novel, or absorbed by a drama on the stage or screen. But it is exactly the same surrendering to the illusion that prompts people to place a candelabra on the T.V. set when Lee is going to play. It is a gesture of sympathy and delight. It is a lovable thing, not a laughable one. And it is a measure of how much this consummate artist has conquered the new medium and made it his own.

His Tricks

In the same way, it must be emphasised that Lee's "mannerisms", his "tricks" before the cameras, are contrived and deliberate. No greater television artist is now performing. Lee knows that the T.V. performer must be larger than life. His performance is a perpetual close-up, even when the cameras pan away; for the "close-up" is not measured by distance but by emotional temperature. It is so with any great artist. Liberace knows that the exaggerated gesture finds its true perspective as it flies across the unbounded air to come into a million homes. His genius is not a genius for music only, but a genius of a man born exactly for his time. He is the first great personality of T.V. because he has not had to make extensive adjustments of technique, and an actor from the cinema has to do this. He was young enough in years to come to T.V. almost unspoiled by conflicting techniques of other media, but old enough to be already a magnificent musician and artist.

A magnificent artist...well, that's clear every week to forty

million viewers; what of the man himself?

His Church

We have seen him growing up against a background of happy family life, but in the face of poverty. We have seen him make a career for himself in the music he loves. We have seen him succeed marvellously and we have seen him employ the fruits of his success wisely, temperately, and generously. But all these things are external things—background, circumstances, achievements. So, again, the question: what of the man himself?

"My son was a good boy," his mother says. "Thank God, he has grown up to be a good man. He is not ashamed of religion, nor forgetful of it. He was brought up in the Catholic Church, and he follows its teachings simply and faithfully. We have seen him succeed marvellously and we have seen him employ the fruits of his success wisely, temperately, and generously. But all these things are external things—background, circumstances, achievements. So, again, the question: what of the man himself?"

"I guess I'm old-fashioned," Lee will say, "but it's simple enough. Even music, which gives so much, cannot give the peace I find at the altar. The wonder to me is that in a world so full of evil, people still stubbornly reject the good they might so easily find with Mother Church."

Perhaps this unquestioning faith lies behind Lee's generous response to the malice of his critics—this faith, and a bubbling sense of humour. No artist of our time has met with such savage criticism, and it is easy to see why. His technique is revolutionary, and the critics are reactionary. They boil with rage if he plays in five minutes some great composition which another artist cannot perform in less than eight—"fuzzing-up Beethoven," they call it, and "Killing the Classics." Killing them?—when he has made millions love them that never listened to "real" music in their lives before? The critics cannot still understand that for such a medium as T.V. a new manner of performing must be born; and that it has been born under the hand of Liberace.

His Fans

But if it be true that the "highbrow" critics have agreed in condemning Liberace, it is also true that his T.V. show is broadcast in America by almost two hundred stations (the exact figure?—197). Over a million records of Liberace have been sold in under three years. He has nearly two hundred fan-clubs up and down the United States (the exact figure?—194). It has been estimated in that country where such figures are eagerly sought, that in one year nearly one million, three hundred thousand jokes were made about him on the radio (the exact figure?—1,200,000). This is more jokes than are made yearly about mothers-in-law! What all this adds up to in terms of personal following, nobody can compute, but it is absolutely safe to say that no musician in the history of music has made so wide and so certain an appeal. Liberace can afford to smile at his critics. And that is exactly what he does.

More On Monday.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Do you remember my asking you the Portuguese for 'It is easier to cook pizza' in an emulsion dump?" Well, forget it!"

Why are you wearing a strait-jacket?

That's the question Americans keep asking about Britain... and I'm afraid that I have to stay silent.

New York.

THIS British strike is front-page news here. It not have come at a worse time. Just when things are going our way and when the Americans are coming round to our view of Nasser, the dictator in the desert.

My friends here say: "What's got into the British?" Just when you are recovering from Suez and are moving ahead with expanded trade and a stable pound, sterling you deliberately put yourselves in a strait-jacket."

I cannot give the answer. I do know that the strike is weakening the country's influence abroad and grievously handicapping Mr Macmillan in his all-important conference with President Eisenhower.

If we cannot keep our own house in order we can't expect the Americans to listen to our advice on how to run theirs.

Before the strike news broke most Americans had expected great things from the Bermuda meeting—the healing of the rift and a new Anglo-American unity.

British officials here say: "The Prime Minister and Mr Selwyn Lloyd intend to talk bluntly."

M. Mollet has reported that the Americans have "an almost mystical confidence in the U.N."

To reality

IT is the aim of Mr Macmillan and Mr Lloyd to bring the President and Mr Dulles out of this dreamland and back to the harsh realities of the world situation and power politics.

President Eisenhower reaches Bermuda tomorrow with his cough much better and his left ear less inflamed.

His Press secretary, James Hagerty, is very angry at reports in some sections of the British Press describing President Eisenhower as "fading, ailing, visibly aged, thin, pinched, and drawn."

I can understand Hagerty's acute annoyance.

Do not let us overdo this picture of a President dangerously close to another serious illness and a leader whose power and prestige have declined so drastically.

Mr Eisenhower has tremendous powers of resilience, as he being quoted all around the

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again during the war and during his first four years as

Ike can snap back, and his doctors, particularly Paul Dudley White the heart specialist, believe he will.

There is no conspiracy of silence concerning Eisenhower's health as there was over Franklin Roosevelt's.

It creaks

ONCE the Bermuda Conference is over Mr Eisenhower is expected to reorganise his Cabinet.

It is the oldest Cabinet of any major Western Power. It creaks with age and its arteries are hardening.

I do not think Mr Dulles can last much longer.

Events have proved him wrong: he gambled on Nasser's virtuousness and Nasser has spilt in his face. There is no confidence any longer among Americans in Mr Dulles's ability to run the country's foreign policy or anything else.

Distaff view

THE women particularly are urging him to step down. Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt says: "Are we more afraid of Egypt than of Israel? I think we had better make up our minds that somewhere along the line we may have to be as tough as Egypt and show it in the United Nations."

And Miss Inez Robb, in a pungent commentary that is being quoted all around the

United Nations, says:

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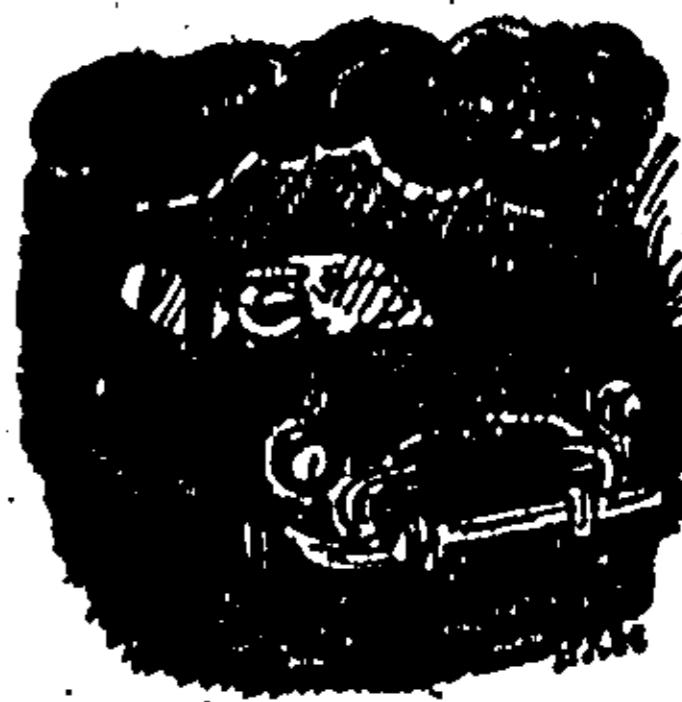


EASTERN SEEKERS FOR A STABLE SOCIAL ORDER:

"IS IT ESSENTIAL TO HAVE THE FREEDOM TO DEBAUCH FREEDOM?"

British cars get a beauty treatment

—that stainless steel look is more than skin-deep



What are the advantages of stainless steel in car production?

The term "stainless" is somewhat misleading. Do not imagine that if your car had a stainless steel bumper you could leave it uncleaned for years and expect it to remain unmarked.

Atmospheric conditions in urban areas—rain, plus smoke—are erosive, but if you washed the bumper regularly and dried it off afterwards you would indeed find it as good as when it was new after several years.

If through misuse, or the corrosive agents in the air, that bumper had become pitted, then surface grinding followed by a rubbing down and repolish would restore it quickly and cheaply.

Many motorists prefer the warmer look of stainless steel to the cold glitter of chromium plate.

Sales doubled

The demands of the car industry from Sheffield, home of stainless steel, has been steadily increasing. The largest firm producing stainless steel in Britain has doubled its sales to

car manufacturers in the last five years.

Stainless steel for car trim is, however, but one of 43 types of stainless steel made by this one big firm alone. The order books are very full for 18 months ahead for the sheet, plate and bar stainless steel required by other industries.

These screws cost £30 a pound...

A pound of screws for odd jobs about the house costs 3s. 6d. But there are also screws that cost £30 a pound, which means they are worth one-quarter of their weight in gold.

They are made of steel blended with the new wonder metal, titanium, so that they can stand up to immense heat in jet engines and the like.

As a raw material this super steel costs £11,200 a ton. It is the most costly steel of all.

Colony That Fought To Be Free Is Crumbling Into Chaos

RUSSELL SPURR spotlights the siesta land where bribery is a way of life

DJAKARTA. PRESIDENT SUKARNO still exercises before a full-length mirror. He postures in his photogenic uniform, rehearsing the little tricks of public speaking that once sent Indonesia into ecstasies.

The gestures are as professional as ever. But the old magic has gone. The face at 56 has lost its force. A beaming vanity is all that remains.

So much has gone wrong since the little ex-engineer who headed the West strode triumphantly into the Dutch Governor-General's palace in Djakarta eight years ago. The freedom for which he fought so frenetically has turned sour.

Indonesia today is one of the most unstable and inefficient countries in the world.

The first minutes of arrival are warming enough—with artfully Customs clerks brandishing sheaves of money to be paid on the spot, then outside there is a scramble for the rare trifles, trinkets, and souvenirs that will be given to the Dutch. The clerks are supposed to be in their offices by 7 a.m. Few turn up before 8.30. They are supposed to leave at 2 p.m. The rush home begins around one...

kind of give-em-hell speeches that maintained his old hold over the mob.

But the mob is no longer spellbound. Applause mostly comes these days from a handful of Communists and nationalists who still hope to cash in on an aging man's conceit.

A military police truck has just roared past my hotel. It has Tommy-guns on the back and frightened men locked away inside.

A traffic policeman stands helpless as the driver ignores his signals and ploughs through the tangle of shabby cars and rickshaws. The army now makes its own laws in Indonesia. It rules the rebellious islands of Sumatra, Borneo and Celebes in defiance of the Central Government.

In Java itself officers and military policemen arrest and interrogate at will.

The army does everything in fact that governs the crumbling republic—and this latest crisis may only be a pause before it seizes power.

Sukarno is angry with the army and with politicians who spur his plans.

Never in his political career has he been so thwarted. He sits sullenly in his splendid palace refusing to see reason.

He peers instead into the full-length mirror where the old, benign mien, where the old, easy-going gestures, are him out of the past.

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by Beachcomber

THE small millionairess who complained that it is the big women who can carry the heaviest weight of jewellery, forgot that a tiny baroness, so weighted down with the staff that she could not walk, was carried into the weighing-room at a ball at Biarritz, and beat the field by more than 3 cwt. Her load was valued at £703,000 7s. 7d., but before dancing she had to divest herself of nearly half a ton of gewgaws. The big women could, of course, carry more while dancing, but one of their partners said that it was pretty heavy going, with the risk of a bang in the face from a diamond pendant swinging at its moorings.

The Deadly Pudding (6)

"MAY I see your handbag?" Malpractice asked. Mavis Whitbriar looked confused and frightened as she handed it over. Malpractice opened it. "Him!" he said. "What are all these poisons?" "Weed-killer for my garden," said Mavis. "Was Mr Wensleydale one of the weeds you hoped to kill?" This ghoulish jest reduced the girl to silence. At the handcuff snapped round her dainty wrist, she said, "I can explain. I only wanted to make him ill, so that I could nurse him back to health." Malpractice sneered. "I suppose," said Mavis, "anything I say may be used in evidence against me?" "That is so," said Malpractice. "Then—for a star-blast!" said the girl, rallying her spirits. "Just a social mixt," muttered Malpractice, as he led her from the restaurant.

In passing

WHENEVER theatre audiences, which are always being accused by the critics of stupidity and apathy, rouse themselves to express violent

solution to yesterday's problem:

1 P-K5 (threat 2 P-P).

A classic.

From actual play: Black to move and win. Solution to yesterday's problem:

1 P-K5 (threat 2 P-P).

A classic.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

BORN today, you have tremendous physical stamina and the ability to stick to a job until it is completed. And when you've been called in to do the executive and financial work of the house, you know how to delegate work to others when pressed for time, you also have the ability to handle details with a cool head. It is likely that you are a good manager and may be asked to handle large projects from their inception to their completion.

Your business instinct is well developed and it is likely that you will become quite wealthy during your lifetime. You have a sense of dramatics. Others not inclined toward politics might become actors. Among those born on this date are: Sam H. Hinsdale, painter; John Tyler, U.S. President; Joseph J. Guilloton, physician and statesman; Frank Leslie, publisher; Amelia Earhart, aviator; William M. and Mary Miles; Miner and Helen Ericson, actresses.

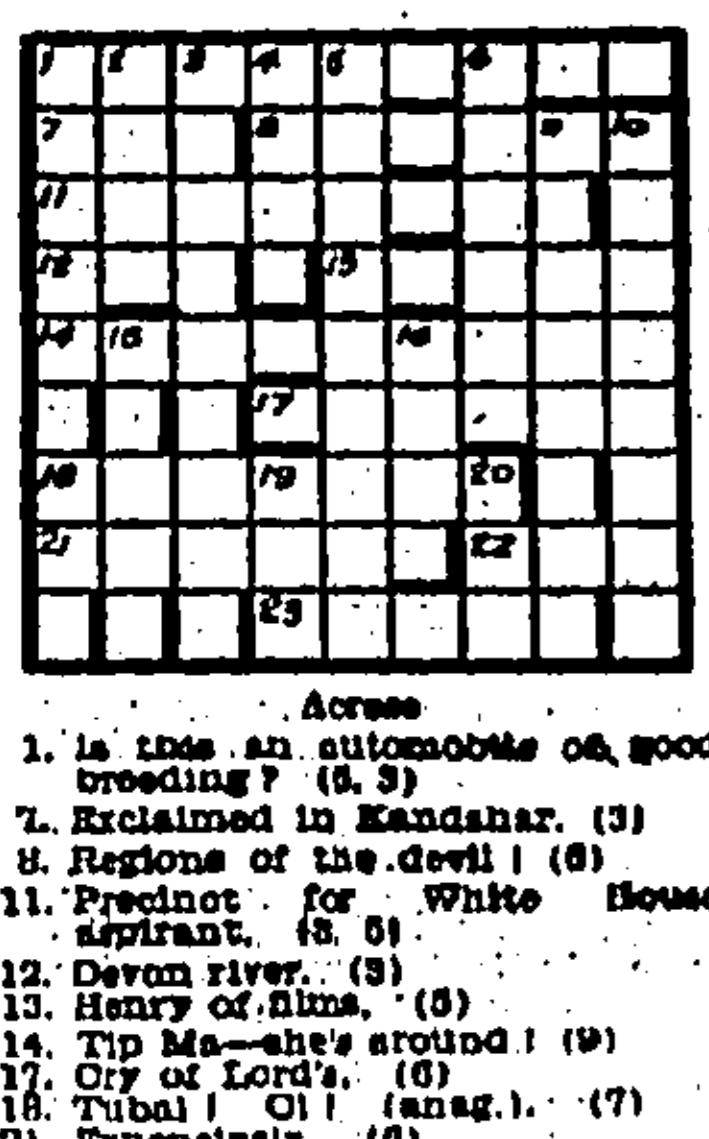
To find what the stars have in store for you, turn to the birth star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your daily star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Seek variety in your week-end relaxation to let down tensions. There could be some romance, too! TUESDAY (Mar. 26)—This may be your last week-end for some time to indulge in light-hearted recreation. Some busy days ahead! JEWEL (Apr. 22-June 21)—Get ready to start this week-end and tie up loose ends of work so you can spend the rest of the week-end enjoying life.

WEDNESDAY (June 22-July 21)—Consider any suddenly projected changes with a cautious eye. Make

CROSSWORD



Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

Racing enthusiasts will once again be thronging to Happy Valley tomorrow for the First Day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Tenth Race Meeting. There are 10 races on the programme.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the First Race starting at 2.00 p.m. sharp.

Though there is no special event tomorrow, the Victoria Peak Handicap from the 1½ Mile Post for Class 1 ponies is the best.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE (Victoria Peak Handicap—1½ Miles)

The curtain-raiser is for Class 9 ponies over the champion distance to be ridden by approved riders who have not won 10 races at any time.

A perusal of the entries would seem to indicate that Happy Warrior (C. E. Hulse), Desert Gold (Andrew Chan), Green Velvet (Sam Chow) and V.I.P. (W. M. Chan) are the principal contenders.

Happy Warrior, judging from its second placing behind Vigorous Avn. in the Ingraham Handicap over the two-mile race in the last day of the Annual Meeting, should have a good chance of winning, but it should expect strong opposition from Desert Gold which is fighting fit at the moment.

Green Velvet is good enough to extend the others, if it can take the lead from the start. Then there is V.I.P., which is also considered good enough to put in a strong challenge.

SECOND RACE (Victoria Peak Handicap—From 1½ Mile Post)

This sprint race is confined to 1657 ponies. Ponies which have won \$1,750 or more in stakes are omitted. Weight 147 lbs.

Judging from its training gallop on Tuesday morning, March 26, when it completed the mile in 1.58.3—less than 28.2 seconds—Vigorous (H. K. Chuang) is my choice and I think it should win with Permanent View (H. C. Phu), Rose (Robert Tsai) and Celebration Day (Robert Tsai) as the main opposition.

I think Golden Branch (W. K. Shieh) and Ivan-lio (A. Ostromoff) are fit enough

which will be taken out by Chun Kit.

THIRD RACE (6½ furlongs)

This race will be contested by 1657 ponies. Ponies which have won less than \$1,750 or more than \$6,250 in stakes are barred. Weight: Winners of not more than \$1,750 in stakes, 135 lbs; of not more than \$3,500, 140 lbs; of not more than \$5,750, 152 lbs; of not more than \$10,250, 155 lbs.

Magie Eyes (Alex Lam) is showing top form and should be a firm favourite.

Ponies ready to offer opposition are Golden City (H. K. Hung) and Co-ordination (A. Gravert) which have shown much promise in their mounting exercises.

Should Edinburgh (M. Samarec) get off to a good start, the pony has all the speed to score here. Serbu (K. Kwok) is well prepared for a win and it certainly deserves serious consideration.

FOURTH RACE (Victoria Peak Handicap—From 1½ Mile Post)

This is the main event of the day and should be a searcher as we have a galaxy of sprinters contesting the premier honour.

My choice is between two fleet-footed animals. They are Winsome Stage (H. K. Chuang) and Red Light (H. K. Hung).

Both (K. Kwok) and Rose (Robert Tsai) are great sprinters too and must figure prominently.

An excellent outsider for this event is New Delhi (Albert Lam).

EIGHTH RACE (Stone Hill Stakes—One Mile)

This race is confined to 1657 ponies. Ponies which have won \$1,750 or more in stakes are omitted. Weight 147 lbs.

I don't think I will be far wrong in stating that Shillelagh (M. Samarec) has the best recommendation for the premier position.

Asian Diamond (H. K. Chuang) may prove dangerous, with Curtain Calls (W. R. Holman) also having a say in the matter. As an outsider, Tai Ping Shan (K. Kwok) is worth following.

NINTH RACE (Mount Butler (First Section)—Six Furlongs)

The two best ponies in this race are Karrera (K. Kwok) and Another Victory (H. H. Chan).

Karrera won the Lingfield Park Handicap (Second Section) over the mile at the Fifth Race Meeting for Class 7 ponies and judging by that performance, I think it has a good chance of scoring a win here.

Another Victory has shown improvement during morning gallops after coming in second in the Eastern Handicap (Third Section) on the Second Day of the Annual Meeting and must therefore be seriously considered.

Hiram C (Albert Lam) and Stratvoor (Andrew Lam) are also good over this distance and are fit enough to be a menace to the above-named ponies if favoured with a good start.

TENTH RACE (Mount Butler Handicap—Second Section—One Mile)

This race will wind up the first day of the Tenth Race Meeting in which the Second Section of Class 3 ponies will fight out the issue.

Everything points to yet another winning ride for K. Kwok, the "Champion Jockey." He will again take out Pandora and the combination's previous win over six furlongs is sure to be still fresh in the minds of many punters.

Sportsmanship (C. L. Liu) is a vastly improved race and ought to have some say at the finish, while Tom Thumb (M. Samarec) will certainly not be too far behind the leaders at the finishing post.

L'arie Triomph will be taken out by H. K. Chuang and the combination is worth following at a price, especially should the going be wet or heavy.

During his last training bouts, D'Agata showed he had an almost inexhaustible wind, that his reflexes were excellent and that he still had a lot of power behind his punches.

The Italian champion is counting on his resilience, experience, aggressiveness, courage and relentless activity. In the fight to defeat a younger, more powerful, speedier and more athletic opponent, Hallim will never fought so far over 15 rounds.

Manager Gecchi said it was a well-known fact that D'Agata took some time to warm up and that therefore the first six rounds against Hallim would be most dangerous for him, as was even the case in his fight against Cohen—France-France.

Results of tonight's matches were:

Ichiro Oguruma (Japan) beat Gerard Chenu (France) 21-18, 21-14.

World Champion Tochihiko Tanaka (Japan) beat Michel Huguenau (France) 21-10, 21-16.

Kolmou, Tchouk (Japan) beat Guy Monnati (France) 21-17, 10-21, 21-16.

The two Japanese girls, Miss Fulla Gouchi, World Champion and Miss Kikko Watase, played in exhibition game.

World Champion Tanaka also played in exhibition game.

World Chess Championships

Paris, Mar. 28.

The tenth match in the World Chess Championships between Vasili Smyslov (challenger) and Mikhail Botvinnik was adjourned tonight after the 40th move, radio Moscow reported.

Up till now, Smyslov is leading in the championships by points to 4. He had one win, 3 draws and 10 losses.

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Cut this out and take it to the races tomorrow for your guidance

Probable Starters, Weights & Riders

Probable starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

2.70 p.m. Race 1 DAGUILAR PEAK HANDICAP—1½ Miles Novices, Class 9.

402 Blisso Time (Sofronoff) 157 lbs. Rosa.

403 Applause (Krasnoproff) 158 lbs. Ringo.

404 Happy Warrior (Lam) 157 lbs. Hulie.

405 Sky Horse (Perehoff) 158 lbs. S. L. Lee.

406 V.I.P. (Rodney) 158 lbs. C. W. Wong.

407 Desert Gold (Lam) 148 lbs. Andrew Chan.

408 Many Returns (Lam) 157 lbs. S. M. Wong.

409 Thunder Sky (Belokopitoff) 158 lbs. Chan Kit.

410 Bluegrass (Hulie) 158 lbs. Stanly Ho.

411 Amusement (Sofronoff) 147 lbs. C. F. Lee.

412 Kelpie (Rodney) 147 lbs. Ostromoff.

413 Balkan Monarch (Metreveli) 157 lbs. Chan Kit.

Possible Acceptors: Tell Me Tonight, Hongkong Diamond, The Cherub.

5.00 p.m. Race 7 BRACON HILL HANDICAP (First Section) 6 Furlongs.

400 As You Like It (Lam) 147 lbs. Starry Star.

401 As You Wish (Lam) 147 lbs. Ostromoff.

402 Confuser (Noodt) 147 lbs. Chuang.

403 Heroine (Sofronoff) 147 lbs. Hulie.

404 Krafty Kiana (Tokmekoff) 147 lbs. Wei.

405 Blue Train (Lam) 147 lbs. Samarec.

406 Diamond Lili (Lam) 147 lbs. Samarec.

407 Ding Dong (Sofronoff) 147 lbs. Albert Lam.

408 Prima Donna (Noodt) 147 lbs. Holman.

409 Straight Summer (Lam) 147 lbs. Chan Kit.

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5.30 p.m. Race 8 STONE HILL STAKES (First Section) 6 Furlongs.

400 Madam Fortune (Lam) 147 lbs. C. F. Lee.

401 Helle pont (Lam) 147 lbs. Samarec.

402 New Delhi (Lam) 147 lbs. Starry Star.

403 Mademoiselle (Noodt) 147 lbs. C. F. Lee.

404 Nashua (Sofronoff) 147 lbs. Chan Kit.

405 Presto (Metreveli) 147 lbs. Wei.

406 Rose (Noodt) 147 lbs. C. A. Lee.

407 Supermaster (Sofronoff) 147 lbs. Kwock.

408 Welcome (Lam) 147 lbs. Andrew Lam.

409 Yum Sing (Rodney) 147 lbs. Andrew Lam.

Possible Acceptors: Celebration Day, Ist Chai, Permanent View, Winning Streak.

3.00 p.m. Race 3 RED HILL STAKES 1 Mile, 1657 Ponies.

402 Magie Eyes (Sofronoff) 155 lbs. Alex Lam.

403 Brilliance (Lam) 152 lbs. Starry Star.

404 Butterly (Noodt) 152 lbs. Chuang.

405 Co-ordination (Lam) 152 lbs. C. W. Wong.

406 Edinburgh (Metreveli) 152 lbs. Samarec.

407 Glamour Girl (Lam) 152 lbs. C. F. Lee.

408 Tai Ping Shan (Metreveli) 152 lbs. Kwock.

409 Temptation (S. H. Wong) 147 lbs. Travers.

410 Viewpoint (Tokmekoff) 147 lbs. Wei.

411 Wing Hang (Sofronoff) 147 lbs. S. W. Tong.

Possible Acceptors: Angel's Pearl, Cherry Pie, Gai Minstrel, Million Bonus, Opportunity.

6.00 p.m. Race 9 MOUNT BUTLER HANDICAP (First Section) 6 Furlongs. Class 6.

401 Karrera (Krasnoproff) 157 lbs. Kwock.

402 Another Victory (S. H. Wong) 155 lbs. H. H. Chan.

403 King of the Hill (Lam) 155 lbs. C. W. Wong.

404 Hiram C (Leontoff) 155 lbs. Starry Star.

405 Precious (Lam) 155 lbs. Samarec.

406 Squadron Leader (Lam) 155 lbs. Wei.

407 Johnnie (Krasnoproff) 148 lbs. Botelio.

408 Golden Branch (Lam) 148 lbs. Shieh.

409 Miracle (Tokmekoff) 148 lbs. Starry Star.

410 Strathtan (Rodney) 148 lbs. Andrew Lam.

411 Ivan-Ho (Rodney) 148 lbs. Strathtan.

412 Charlerol (Noodt) 148 lbs. Travers.

413 Golden Nugget (Krasnoproff) 148 lbs. Wei.

Possible Acceptors: Strathtan.

4.00 p.m. Race 5 MOUNT PARKER HANDICAP—1½ Miles, Class 5.

021 Encore (S. H. Wong) 150 lbs. Starry Star.

022 Tonybier (Krasnoproff) 150 lbs. Botelio.

023 Free Success (Lam) 150 lbs. Shieh.

024 Gallant Knight (Noodt) 150 lbs. Samarec.

TRADE and COMMERCE

SHARE MARKET CLOSES LOWER

Widespread Losses
On The Week

TURNOVER FALLS

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Last week's improvement in share prices was shortlived and the market closed this week with widespread small losses.

The turnover fell quite substantially from \$4.14 million to \$2.69 million and the tally for the week was four higher, seven steady and thirteen lower against 12 higher, nine steady and three lower last week.

The reason for the dullness is hard to state precisely. China Lights, because of the protests against the recent increase in surcharge, are inclined to be out of favour at the moment. The long hoped for bonus issue can not be expected as long as the surcharge remains, brokers feel.

Market men say that Hongkong Electric are also inclined to be depressed because of the surcharge.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have brightened up on the news of a rise in London registers—up from £91½ to £93½.

Another big share to rise this week was Union Insurance which rose 50 to \$945 on a middy quote.

Dairy Farms Lower

Among the losers this week was Dairy Farm which announced an unchanged final of \$1.10. The loss was 40 cents. Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels was another "bit" loser, down 40 cents on the week.

Green Island Cement are 50 cents lower at \$33.

Elsewhere prices are slightly lower where changed.

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Mar. 28. The rex rubber contract today closed 50 to 60 points lower with sales of 95 contracts.

May 11.00
September 10.93-10.98
November 10.38
January 10.18
March 10.15
May 10.75
Standard contract closed 50 to 60 points lower with no sales.

May 10.02
July 10.07
September 10.69
November 10.69
January 10.18
March 10.08
May 10.75

Prices continued erratic with line of least resistance on the downside. After a hesitant start, prices broke sharply. After a partial rally, prices softened again at the close. Large dealer interests with international connections were the leading seller, with pressure from that direction touching off stop-loss orders.

Other dealers were scalping down buyers, presumably covering of short positions on the decline. Local sellers also were reported offering in the Amsterdam market. Lower London cables, plus the discouragingly slow demand from consumers, remained the dominant influence.

Current prices are the lowest in several weeks, some technicians thought the decline might carry a little further before consumer's interest is attracted. Spot No. 1 Rea was quoted locally at 31 cents a pound.

SINGAPORE The market opened around the previous levels but it closed on heavy liquidation. At lower levels there was a good demand for lower grade.

The market steadied with sellers reserved. Futures: No. 1 rubber per lb. April 104.40-104.50 May 104.40-104.50 No. 2 rubber per lb. April 87.47-87.50 No. 3 rubber per lb. April 80.40-80.50 Blanket crepe 76.75 No. 1 pale crepe 94-95 **LONDON**

The rubber market was quiet and featureless with spot 20% pence per lb. Prices: No. 1 Rea spot term: 201-201 Settlement term: 201-201 April 104.40-104.50 May 104.40-104.50 June 104.40-104.50 July 104.40-104.50 July/Sept. 104.40-104.50 General markets, cif basis, Paris: April 201-201 June 201-201 Estate crepe, thick April 30% **AMSTERDAM**

The rubber market was quiet. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram: off April as follows:

No. 1 rubber 8.85 buyers
No. 2 rubber 8.85 buyers
No. 3 crepe 8.75 buyers
Blanket crepe 8.75 buyers

—United Press

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$246,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares Buyers Sellers Sales

GOVT. LOANS 87½ 30,000 @ 88

SH. BANKS 1010

INSURANCES 940 960

Union 940 960

SHIPPING 37½ 38

Wheelock 6.00 6.75

DOCKS, ETC. 402

Dock XID 44 44½

Prov. (C) 19.30

LAND, ETC. 12.00

Hutong 12.00

XID 18.70 14.20 100 @ 13.00

HK Land 30 26½ 100 @ 30½

Humphreys 10.00 10.00

Amalg. 1.42½ 1.47½

Trust 2.02½ 1.97½

UTILITIES 61.00

Yaumau 1.00

XP 101 103 100 @ 102

C. Light (O) 24.00 24.70 3000 @ 24.70

Telephone 24.00 24.70 3000 @ 24.70

—United Press

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Feb 28	Mar 7	Mar 14	Mar 21	Mar 28	Up or down
HK Bank	1505½d	1560	1565	1600	1615	+215 steady
Lombard	88m	88n	37.50m	37.80b	37.94b	+110 steady
Union	935m	935	926	935	945m	+50
Whitlock	6.00	6.85	6.80	6.75	6.70	-51
HK Wharf	100b	102	108	102	101s	-51 steady
HK Hotels	49½m	47½m	47	48½	44½x4d	-40 steady
Protest	13.30	13.30	13.10	13.20	13.20s	-10 steady
HK Lands	15.00	15	15.10	14.10x4d	13.70b	-40 steady
HK Realty	04	04	30½x4a	30½	30½	-250
HK Trans	1.40m	1.375m	1.375	1.375	1.35b	-215 steady
Star Ferry	22.00m	21.90x4d	22	22m	21.90	-10 steady
Yaumau	138mxd	138mxd	135b	138s	102xd	-30 steady
Ch. Lights	105	105	105b	107	102xd	-30 steady
Electrics	30xd	30xd	29.90	30	29.70	-30 steady
HK Telephone	23.89xd	23.89xd	24.10	24.00	24.70	+100 steady
G.I. Cement	23xd	33xd	32½	33½	33	-50 steady
Dairy Farm	10.20	10.10	10.40	10	10	-40 steady
A.S. Watson	14.20m	11.30mxa	11.30	11.80	11.80	steady
Youngize	6n	5.80b	5.85	5.85b	5.85b	steady
Allied	4.85s	4.80s	4.75m	4.75s	4.725m	-215 steady
HK & FE Inv.	9.75b	10	10n	9.90b	9.90b	-100 steady
Textile Corp	4.70	4.75b	4.75m	4.70b	4.725m	+215 steady
Nanyang	8.10m	8	8.20	8.25	8.20	-50 steady

UTILITIES MATCH THEIR OLD HIGH ON WALL STREET

New York, Mar. 28. Steel and metal shares, selected oils and special issues and the utilities highlighted a stronger, more active stock market.

Utilities — thanks chiefly to a gain of 3 points in Peoples Gas — matched their 26-year high touching 71.58 on average, up .33 point.

Industrials averaged 1.89 points higher at 478.01 and rails added 2.0 to 144.43.

Volume increased to 1,930,000 shares, heaviest since Feb. 15, from 1,710,000 on Wednesday.

The improvement was seen as chiefly technical, reflecting lack of selling in recent sessions and was without real enthusiasm although the best performance of recent sessions.

Metals

Non-ferrous metals also did well with gains ranging to 2½ points.

While motors moved very narrowly, General Motors was actively traded following Bethlehem in the active list.

Out of a total 1,125 issues traded there were 558 higher and 61 at new highs; 316 lower with 22 at new lows and 251 unchanged.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,710,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 960,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

20 industrials 473.01
20 rails 144.43
10 utilities 161.10
50 bonds 90.00
Comm. future price index 133.81

Closing Prices

	Buyers	Sellers	Prices
Allen, Inc. Accts.	17½	17½	
Allied Chemicals	20½	20½	
Allied Mills, Inc.	27½	27½	
Allied Steel	20½	20½	
Allis Chalmers	31½	31½	
American Airlines	101	101	
American Can Co.	101	101	
American Cynamide Co.	15½	15½	
Amer. & Forgn. Power	15½	15½	
Amer. Metal Prod.	20	20	
American Smelting & Refining	20½	20½	
American Tel. & Tel.	118	118	
American Tid. & Tid.	71½	71½	
Arco Steel	50½	50½	
Armour	15½	15½	
Atlas Corp. Mining	21½	21½	
Baltimore & Ohio	45½	45½	
Beneficial Finance	20½	20½	
Bendix Aviation Corp.	20½	20½	
Bethlehem Steel	43½	43½	
Borden (The) Co.	50½	50½	
Burroughs Add. Machine	24½	24½	
C. & C. Co.	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp.	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (C)	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (O)	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (P)	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (T)	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (U)	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (V)	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (W)	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (X)	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (Y)	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (Z)	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (A)	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (B)	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (C)	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (D)	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (E)	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (F)	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (G)	14½	14½	
C. & C. Corp. (H)			

